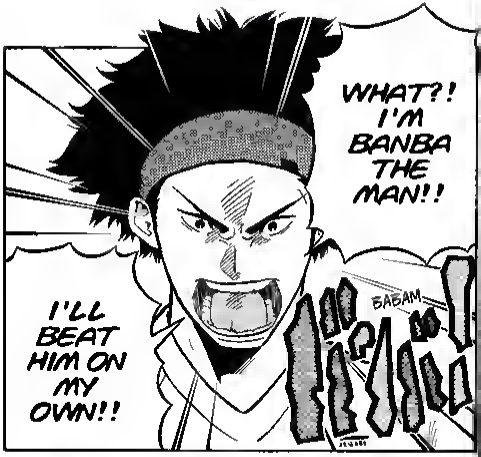
OLE ★ GOLAZO

2: DO FANTASISTAS DREAM OF GOLAZO?

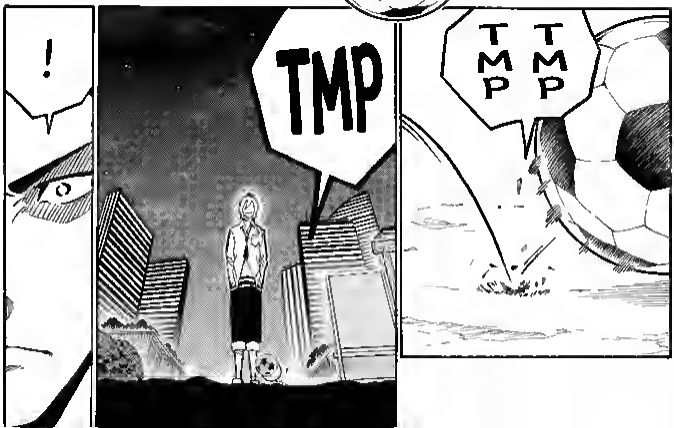
BY TAKUMA MOUE

...IS THAT I, THE GENIUS, WILL TEACH YOU SOCCER.
WHAT I'M SAYING...
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU ANYWAY?!
How dare you reveal Hanamori-san's panties?!
BANBA
BANBA!
バンバ!
BANBA! THAT'S ICHIHARU ICHINO. HE WAS ON THE U-12 NATIONAL TEAM!!
He's really one of our first-years?
I GOTCHA.
SO IT'S TAE KWON DO REP VERSUS U-12 REP.
IT'LL BE A MIXED MARTIAL ARTS MATCHUP..!
SWAT
THAT MAKES NO SENSE!!

DF?
DF?
YOU'RE AN FW, RIGHT BANBA?
BANBA
WELL.
I'M THINKING D...F, MAYBE?
HAH.
NOOO-OO!!
NO, I MEAN OUR DEAR TEAM MANAGER'S CUP SIZE.
HANA-MORI-SANN-NNN!!
HEHEH
ALL TALK OF BOOBS ASIDE
LET'S TALK SOCCER!
DARN YOU..
P-PERVERT
WHAT A SNEAKY ONE-TWO PUNCH OF PERVINESS...
AHA HA HA HA HAH.


WHAT?! I'M BANBA THE MAN!!
I'LL BEAT HIM ON MY OWN!!
BABAM
YOU AND I SHOULD TEAM UP.
GIMME THE BALL!
FLIK FLIK
DON'TCHA WANNA BEAT THE CAPTAIN?

HERE.
TOSS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TMP
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TMP

DRIP

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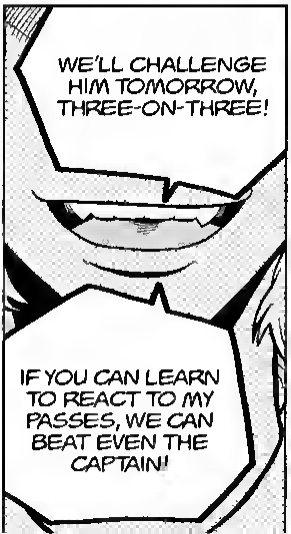
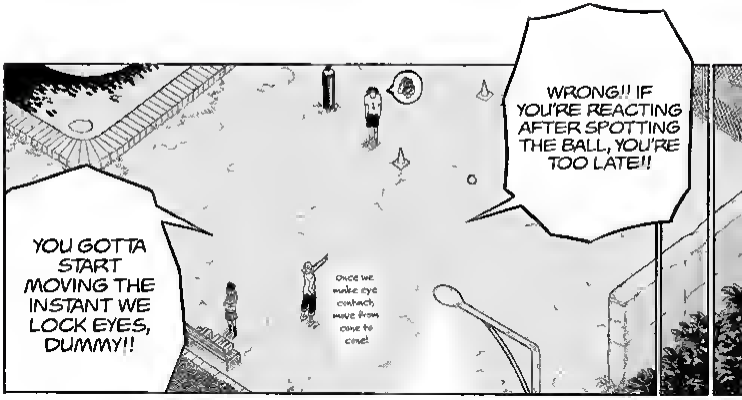
THE BALL OUT OF NOWHERE

HE ONLY MOVED HIS FOOT EVER SO SLIGHTLY.
A "QUICK PASS"?!

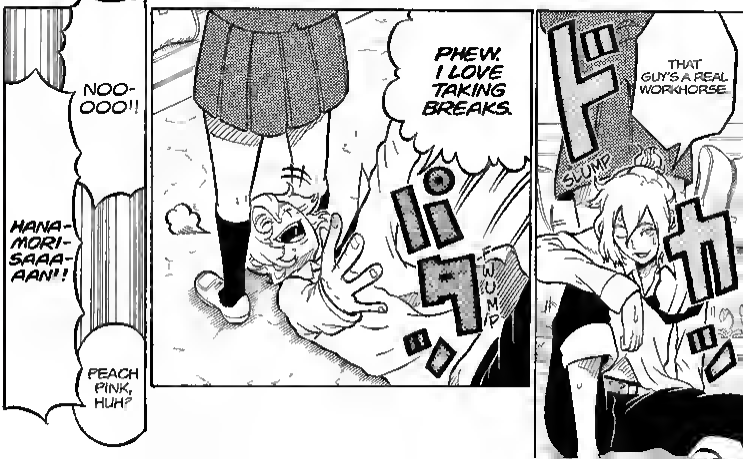

WE'LL CHALLENGE HIM TOMORROW, THREE-ON-THREE!
IF YOU CAN LEARN TO REACT TO MY PASSES, WE CAN BEAT EVEN THE CAPTAIN!

ZOOM

I'LL TAKE YOU ON!!
WHAT? DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T DO IT?
BANBA, "THE MAN."
!
HMPH
AS IF.
I EAT PASSES LIKE THAT FOR BREAKFAST, MIDNIGHT SNACK, EVEN!
THEN IT'S SETTLED!
JUST DON'T GET IN MY WAY!
WHAT ON EARTH...
THERE'S A LOT HANAMORI-SAN DOESN'T GET ABOUT THIS.
SMACK


WRONG!! IF YOU'RE REACTING AFTER SPOTTING THE BALL, YOU'RE TOO LATE!!
YOU GOTTA START MOVING THE INSTANT WE LOCK EYES, DUMMY!!
Once we make eye contact, move from zone to zone!

FINE, 200 MORE TRIES!!
YOU JUST MULTIPLIED IT BY TWENTY?!
TEN MORE TRIES!
NO THANKS.
SHEESH. BREAK TIME.


NOO-OOO!!
HANA-MORI-SAAA-AAN!!
PEACH PINK, HUH?
PHEW. I LOVE TAKING BREAKS.
パタ
WUMP
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SUMP
THAT GUY'S A REAL WORKHORSE.
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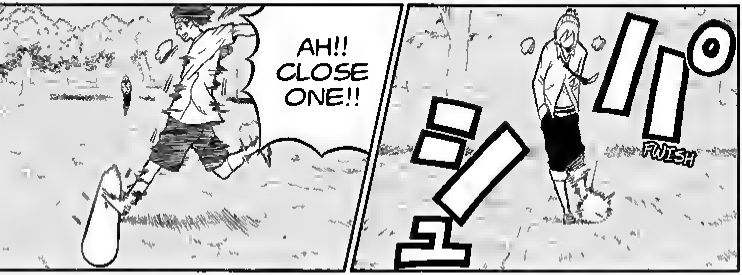
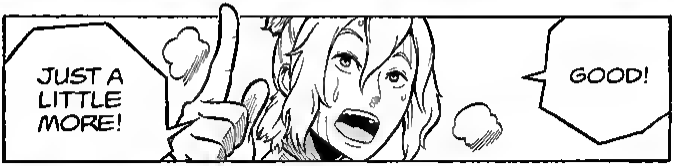
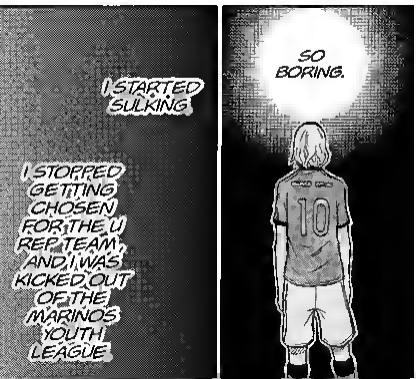
BAM
JUST KEEP WATCHING MY EYES!
PERVERT
YOU'RE REALLY COMING ALONG WITH MY GENIUS PASSES.


AH!! CLOSE ONE!!
PUNCH


JUST A LITTLE MORE!
GOOD!


I STARTED SULKING.
I STOPPED GETTING CHOSEN FOR THE U REP TEAM, AND I WAS KICKED OUT OF THE MARINOS YOUTH LEAGUE.
SO BORING.
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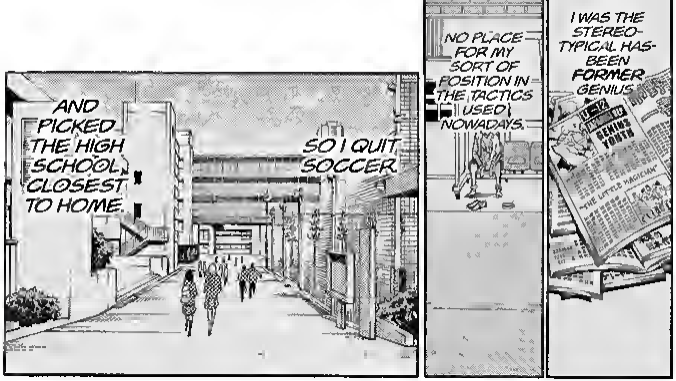
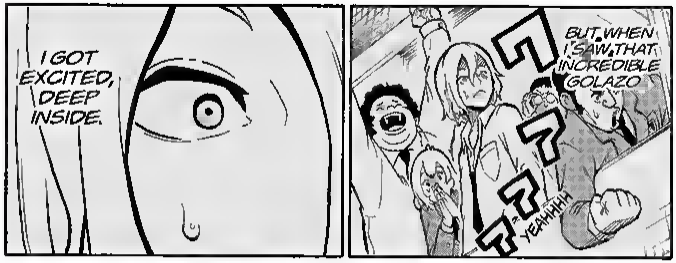
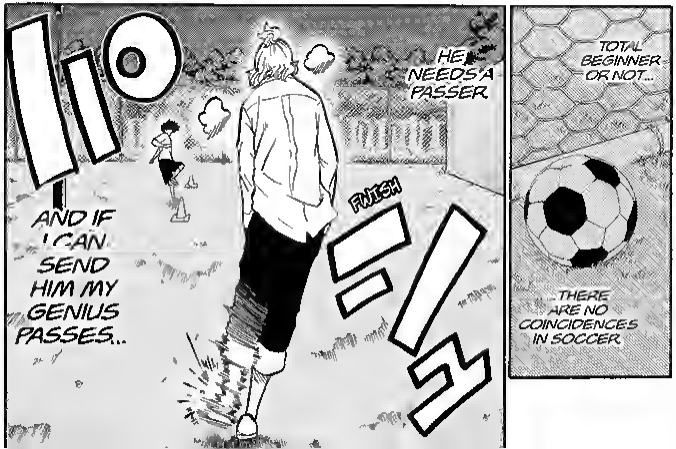
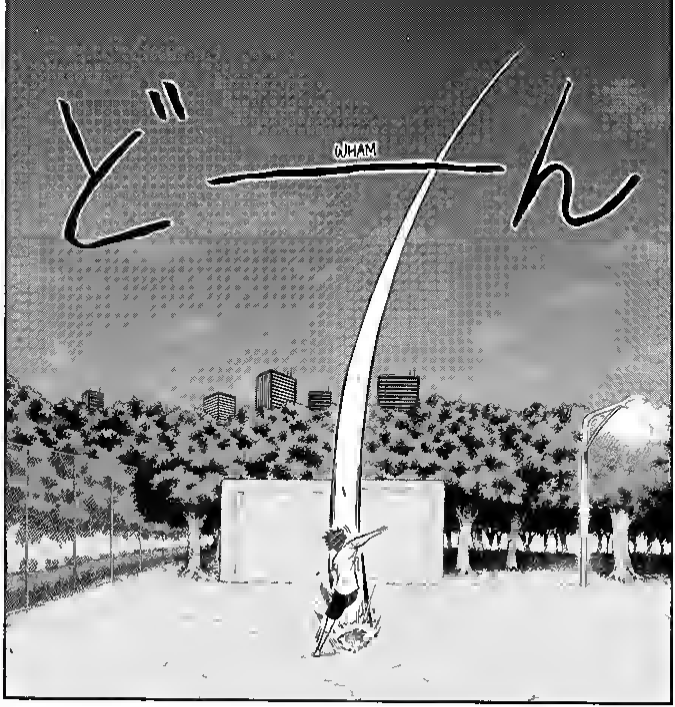

I WAS THE STEREO-TYPICAL HAS-BEEN FORMER GENIUS
NO PLACE FOR MY SORT OF POSITION IN THE TACTICS USED NOWADAYS.
SO I QUIT SOCCER.
AND PICKED THE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSEST TO HOME.


I GOT EXCITED, DEEP INSIDE.
BUT WHEN I SAW THAT INCREDIBLE GOLAZO
YEAHHHH


TOTAL BEGINNER OR NOT...
...THERE ARE NO COINCIDENCES IN SOCCER.
HE NEEDS A PASSER
AND IF I CAN SEND HIM MY GENIUS PASSES...
FWISH

WE'LL BE UNSTOPPABLE.
DRIVE IT HOME!!
HE CONNECTED !!
WHOOSH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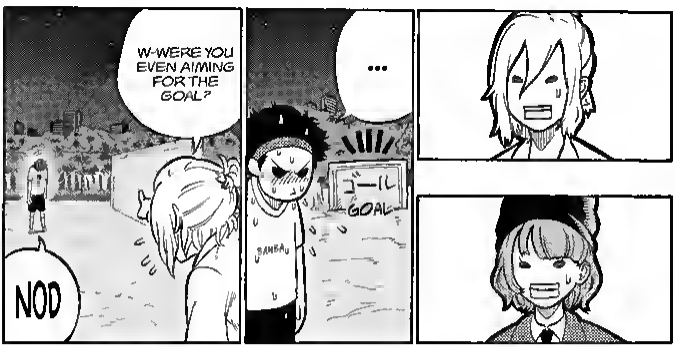
WHAM


W-WERE YOU EVEN AIMING FOR THE GOAL?
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ゴール
GOAL
BAMBAU
NOD

FWISH
I-IT'S OKAY!
YOU GOT THE PASS! LET'S TRY AGAIN!!
WHIFF
YOU TRYING TO SEND IT INTO ORBIT?!
WHAM
どーん
?!
WHAM
どーん
STOP MESSING AROUND!!
THIS AIN'T KICKBALL, Y'KNOW!!
WHAM
どーん
WHAM
どーん
I'M SICK OF GOING AFTER THIS BALL!!

IF ALL YOU'RE GOOD FOR IS HOME RUNS THEN NOT EVEN MY PERFECT PASSES WILL CUT IT...
ガクッ
SLUMP
I'M DONE.. THAT GOLAZO MUST'VE JUST BEEN A COINCIDENCE...
HMPH! PERFECT PASSES?!
Not to mention all those whiffs.
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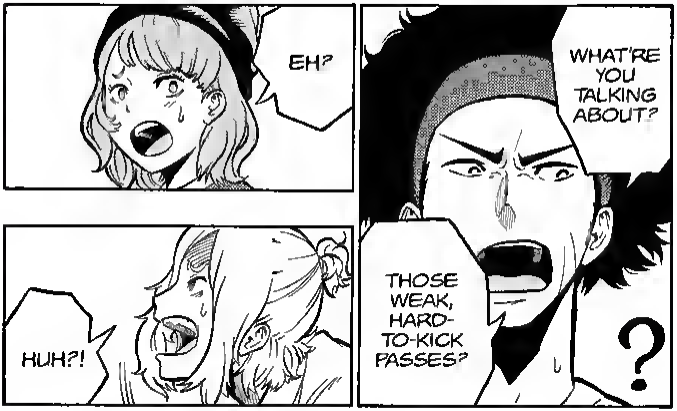
EH?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THOSE WEAK, HARD-TO-KICK PASSES?
?
HUH?!

I-I...
...
WHAT'S HARD TO KICK ABOUT THAT?! HUH?! TELL ME, YOU DUMMY!! YOU AFRO-BANDANA BOZO!!
GAHHHH!!
I'VE BEEN SENDING EACH ONE OF THOSE GROUNDERS STRAIGHT TO YOUR STUPID KICKING FOOT!!

UNTIL I STARTED SOCCER..
?
...I NEVER, EVER KICKED ANYTHING AT GROUND LEVEL.
It's against the rules in free kick.
SO SEND IT OVER MY HEAD!
THAT'S WHERE I'LL HAVE THE EASIEST TIME KICKING!
!!
?!
??

YOU REALLY ARE SOMETHING ELSE, BAN-CHAN! WOW!!
Ban chan. ?
AHA HA HA HA HAH!!
SO ALL YOU'RE GOOD FOR IS SUPER VOLLEYS?!
SOMEONE WHO CAN ONLY PERFORM GOLAZOS! WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT!
HERE.
FWISH
JUST WHAT YOU ASKED FOR. A REAL FLOATER!!
HERE IT COMES!!
WHAM
ドッ

CAP-
TAIN-
NNN-
NNN!!
I GOT
THE
BALL-
LLL!!
Got a bad feeling about this.
WHOOSH
オォォォ
So loud.
WHOOSH
オォォォ

CAPTAIN.
LET US PLAY IN THE NEXT GAME.
BAM
WHY'M I A PART OF THIS...?
...
...IF WE CAN BEAT YOU NOW!
...
THAT IS...

Ole Golazo
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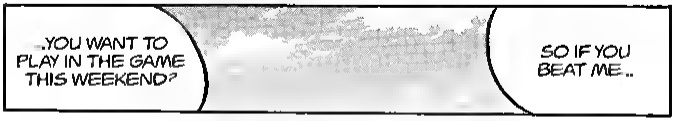
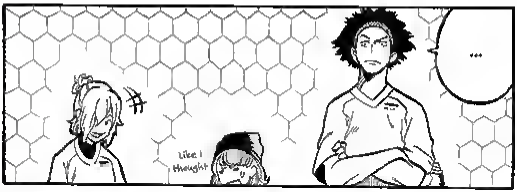

...YOU WANT TO PLAY IN THE GAME THIS WEEKEND?
SO IF YOU BEAT ME..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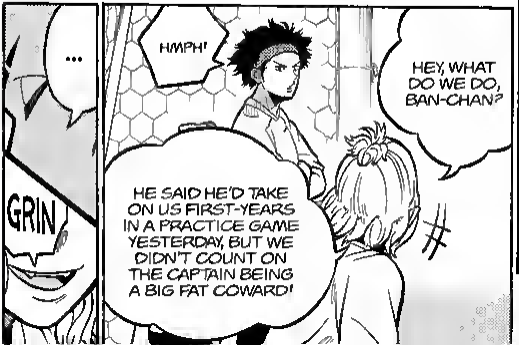
Like I thought

RIDICULOUS! WE'RE STARTING PRACTICE NOW!
TURN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GRIN
HMPH!
HE SAID HE'D TAKE ON US FIRST-YEARS IN A PRACTICE GAME YESTERDAY, BUT WE DIDN'T COUNT ON THE CAPTAIN BEING A BIG FAT COWARD!
HEY, WHAT DO WE DO, BAN-CHAN?

BECAUSE I'M THE KIND OF MAN WHO'LL TAKE ON ANY CHALLENGE FROM ANYONE, ANY TIME!! I'M MASAMI BANBA!!
BUT I'LL WAIT AS LONG AS IT TAKES!!
YOU'RE ACTUALLY THE CHALLENGER HERE, BANBA

#3: DO FANTASISTAS DREAM OF GOLAZO?

AND SOME WEIRDO.
IT'S THE FAKE JAPANESE REP!
HEY, HEY.
I'm still part of this?
THE GIRL MANAGER!
UP AGAINST THE TOP DEFENSIVE STARTERS, IN A THREE-ON-THREE?!
ARE THEY SERIOUS?

BANBA, THE MAN...
BANBA!
...IS GONNA WIN THIS WITH A GOLAZO!!
LET THE SCORE SPEAK FOR ITSELF.
TRY TO SCORE A SINGLE POINT IN THE TEN MINUTES BEFORE PRACTICE STARTS.
!
YEAH.
I BET IT WILL.